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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph M. Gagliardo of Chicago has been named a recipient of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian of the Year Award given by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA); and

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WHEREAS, The JCCIA's Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian of the Year Award is presented annually to those whose lives exemplify the virtues of caring, humanity, and good will that were the hallmark of Cardinal Bernardin's tenure as Archbishop of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Gagliardo is the Managing Partner of Laner, Muchin, Dombrow, Becker, Levin, and Tominberg, Ltd., and is the Chair of its Litigation Department; since joining the Firm as a partner in 1988, Mr. Gagliardo has been counsel to publicly and privately held corporations and has represented a number of public sector employers, including the State of Illinois, State Treasurer, County of Cook, State's Attorney for Cook County, Cook County Public Defender, City of Chicago, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago Board of Education, and the City Colleges of Chicago; he also serves as an arbitrator in employment and commercial disputes; and

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WHEREAS, He has written articles and conducted seminars on labor and employment relations matters, drafted legislation, and testified before the Illinois Legislature and the City Council of the City of Chicago; he has been named one of the Leading Lawyers in Illinois in the area of labor and employment law based on a statewide survey of lawyers; Leading Lawyers comprise less than five percent of all lawyers in Illinois; he was also selected as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business by the Chambers USA in its Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers; he was named as one of Illinois' "Super Lawyers" in labor and employment law and is an elected

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1 Fellow/Member of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers;
2 he has been included in The Best Lawyers in America, and Who's
3 Who Legal USA -- Management, Labour, and Employment; and

4 WHEREAS, He is a member of numerous professional
5 organizations, and his civic involvement includes serving as
6 past President of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian
7 Americans and as a current Director of Windows of Opportunity;
8 Windows is a non-profit organization that creates partnerships
9 to link all of Chicago's public and assisted housing residents
10 to resources that will improve their quality of life; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Gagliardo received his J.D. from The John
12 Marshall Law School in Chicago in 1977 and was awarded the
13 Edward T. Lee Scholarship and Bobbs-Merrill Company Prize; he
14 was also elected to the Order of John Marshall, the law honor
15 society limited to those whose scholastic records are within
16 the highest ten percent of the graduating class; he has
17 received a Distinguished Service Award from The John Marshall
18 Law School; he received a B.S. in Commerce from DePaul
19 University in 1974, graduated with High Honors, and was a
20 member of Delta Mu Delta and Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor
21 Societies; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we congratulate Mr. Joseph M. Gagliardo on being a recipient of
25 the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian of the Year Award
26 given by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans; and be
27 it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to Mr. Gagliardo as an expression of our esteem.